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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting a user on a user node on a first communication network to a remote node on the first communication network, comprising the steps of:

broadcasting from a remote location on a second communication network
5 broadcast information over the second communication network to a location thereon proximate the location of the user for viewing by the user, the second communication network operating over a different communication path than the first communication network;

encoding unique information in association with the broadcast information
representative of a location on the first communication network of the remote node;

10 connecting the user's node to the remote node on the first communication network utilizing the unique information and in accordance therewith in response to receiving the unique information encoded in association with the broadcast information broadcast over the second communication network; and

15 prompting the user at the user location from the second communication network to interface with the user node at approximately the same time as broadcast of the unique information over the ~~secondary~~ second communication network in association with the broadcast information.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the first communication network comprises the Internet.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, wherein the second communication network comprises a television communication link such that the broadcast information comprises a television broadcast wherein the step of broadcasting comprises broadcasting the television program over the television communication link to a television
5 receiver at or proximate to the location of the user PC.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the television communication link

comprises a wireless link.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the television communication link comprises a cable connection.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the television broadcast comprises video and audio information.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the step of encoding unique information comprises encoding audio information in the television broadcast.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein the encoded audio information comprises a coded unique digital value and wherein the step of connecting comprises the steps of:

transmitting the unique digital value to a remote intermediate location on the first
5 communication network;

comparing the received value at the intermediate location on the first communication network in a lookup table to a plurality of network addresses that define the address of multiple remote nodes on the first communication network;

selecting from the lookup table the one of the network addresses matching the
10 received unique digital code;

transmitting the matching network address back to the user node; and
connecting the user node to the matched one of the network addresses returned thereto.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein the step of prompting comprises inserting into the television broadcast an unencoded unique audio signal not representative of the location on the first communication network of the remote node wherein the non-representative audio information is audibly perceptible by the user and, in response to
5 receiving such audible indication, the user is prompted to access his PC and the information provided thereon by receipt of the encoded unique information and the step of connecting.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the unencoded unique information occurs before the transmission of the encoded unique audio information.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the unencoded unique audio information is broadcast after the broadcast of the encoded unique audio information.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the length of the encoded unique audio information is less than that of the unencoded unique audio information.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of prompting the user to interface occurs after the broadcast of the encoded unique information.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of prompting occurs after the step of broadcasting the encoded unique information.